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Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel Claims 8, 10, 12, 16, 20, 45 and 59-61. Please amend Claims 7, 9, 11, 13, 22, 44, 46, 54, 55 and 58. Please add new Claims 62 - 64. The Claim Listing below will replace all prior versions of the claims in the application:

Claim Listing

- 1-6. (Withdrawn)
- 7. (Currently amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule which encodes a <u>human CD2BP2</u> protein comprising SEQ ID NO: 2, or a fragment of said protein having biological activity of polypeptides of SEQ ID NO: 3 or SEQ ID NO: 9 <u>binding to a CD2 molecule</u>, or the complement of said nucleic acid molecule.
- 8. (Cancelled)
- 9. (Currently amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 7, wherein said nucleic acid molecule has the same nucleotide sequence as endogenous <u>human coding regions</u> gene encoding a protein of SEQ ID NO: 2, or a complement of said nucleic acid molecule.
- 10. (Cancelled)
- 11. (Currently amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3, or a complement of said nucleic acid molecule.
- 12. (Cancelled)

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- 13. (Currently amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule consisting of a nucleotide sequence encoding the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 10, or a complement of said nucleic acid molecule.
- 14. (Original) A nucleic acid construct comprising the isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 7 operably linked to a regulatory sequence.
- 15. (Original) A nucleic acid construct comprising the isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 11 operably linked to a regulatory sequence.
- 16. (Cancelled)
- (Original) A nucleic acid construct comprising the isolated nucleic acid molecule of
 Claim 13 operably linked to a regulatory sequence.
- 18. (Original) A recombinant host cell comprising the nucleic acid construct of Claim 14.
- 19. (Original) A recombinant host cell comprising the nucleic acid construct of Claim 15.
- 20. (Cancelled)
- 21. (Original) A recombinant host cell comprising the nucleic acid construct of Claim 17.
- 22. (Currently amended) A method for preparing a <u>human protein</u> of SEQ ID NO: 2, or a fragment thereof, wherein said fragment has biological activity of polypoptides of SEQ ID NO: 3 or SEQ ID NO: 9 <u>binding to a CD2 molecule</u>, comprising culturing the recombinant host cell of Claim 18.

23 - 43. (Withdrawn)

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- 44. (Currently amended) An isolated recombinant nucleic acid molecule comprising a <u>first</u>

 nucleic acid molecule and a second nucleotide sequence nucleic acid molecule encoding
 the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3, wherein [[said]] the first nucleotide sequence
 and the second nucleic acid molecules [[is]] are heterologous, or a complement of the
 recombinant nucleic acid molecule.
- 45. (Cancelled)
- 46. (Currently amended) An isolated recombinant nucleic acid molecule comprising a first nucleic acid molecule and a second nucleotide sequence nucleic acid molecule encoding the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 10, wherein [[said]] the first nucleotide sequence and the second nucleic acid molecules [[is]] are heterologous, or a complement of the recombinant nucleic acid molecule.

47-53. (Withdrawn)

- 54. (Currently amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule consisting of a nucleotide sequence encoding the amino acids 1 through 7 of SEQ ID NO: 22, or a complement of said nucleic acid molecule.
- 55. (Currently amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule which encodes a polypeptide consisting of a fragment of human protein of SEQ ID NO: 2 [[,]] that comprising comprises a polypeptide consisting of an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 3 and SEQ ID NO: 9, or the complement of said nucleic acid molecule.
- 56. (Previously presented) A nucleic acid construct comprising the isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 55 operably linked to a regulatory sequence.

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- 57. (Previously presented) A recombinant host cell comprising the nucleic acid construct of Claim 55.
- 58. (Currently amended) A method for preparing a polypeptide consisting of a fragment of a human protein of SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein said fragment comprises a polypeptide consisting of an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 3 and SEQ ID NO: 9, said method comprising a step of culturing a recombinant host cell of Claim [[55]] 57.

59-61. (Cancelled)

- (New) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID
 NO: 1, or a complement thereof.
- 63. (New) An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a polypeptide consisting of a fragment of SEQ ID NO: 2 having biological activity of binding to a CD2 molecule, or a complement of said nucleic acid molecule.
- 64. (New) An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a polypeptide consisting of a fragment of SEQ ID NO: 2 that comprises SEQ ID NO: 3, having biological activity of binding to a CD2 molecule, or a complement of said nucleic acid molecule.